

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Air India Operations
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air India proposes to expand its regional reach to connect new cities;
- (b) if so, the details of new air connectivity started by Air India during the last three years and the current year, year wise;
- (c) the proposals from the State Governments received by the National carrier therein; and
- (d) the details of present status of new airports started during the last three years and the forthcoming plan proposals of Government therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of new connectivity started by Air India during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-I.
- (c): The details of proposals received from the State Governments is at Annexure-II.
- (d): During the last three years, Durgapur Airport, West Bengal has been operationalized. The construction of new airport at Pakyong in Sikkim has also progressed to a considerable extent for being operationalized by September 2017. Request for Proposal for two major airport projects in the country, one at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra and another at Mopa, Goa have been issued.

Government of India grants site clearance followed by "in principle approval" and acts as facilitator/coordinator with various Departments to ensure that project is not delayed. In last three years, in principle approval has been given for construction of green field airports at Dholera, Gujarat, and site clearances given for constructing green field airports at Dagaderthi in Nellore Distt., Bhogapuram near Visakhapatnam, Oravakallu in Kurnool Distt. all in the state of Andhra Pradesh and Kotkasim Tehsil in Alwar Distt., Rajasthan.